

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Addiese: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P O Box 1450 Alexandra, Virginia 22313-1450 www.wepto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.	
10/562,542	12/28/2005	Guofu Zhou	NL030783	6072	
24737 7590 03/11/2009 PHILIPS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & STANDARDS P.O. BOX 3001			EXAM	EXAMINER	
			PIZIALI, JEFFREY J		
BRIARCLIFF MANOR, NY 10510		ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER		
			2629		
			MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE	
			03/11/2009	PAPER	

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
10/562,542	ZHOU ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
Jeff Piziali	2629	

The amendment document filed on <u>16 December 2008</u> is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

item(s) is required.
THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT: 1. Amendments to the specification: A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings. B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined. C. Other <u>See Continuation Sheet.</u>
□ 3. Amendments to the drawings: □ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d). □ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required. □ C. Other
□ 4. Amendments to the claims: □ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present. □ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) □ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended). □ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order. □ E. Other:
☐ 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4):
For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714.
TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:
 Applicant is given no new time period if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendmen filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the entire corrected amendment must be resubmitted.
2. Applicant is given one month, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action. If any of above boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.
Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a Quayle action.
Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in: Abandonment of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a <i>Quayle</i> action; or Non-entry of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.
/.leff Piziali/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2629

⁻⁻ The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Continuation Sheet (PTOL-324)

Application No. 10/562,542

Continuation of 1(c) Other:

The Applicant is thanked for the Amendment filed 16 December 2008. However, a non-compliant matter has been discovered in the aforementioned response, requiring attention before examination may continue.

MPEP § 714(F) requires, "If an amendment submitted on or after July 30, 2003, fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 (as revised on June 30, 2003), the office will notify applicant by a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Form PTOL-324, that the amendment fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 and identify; (1) which section of the amendment is non-compliant (e.g., the amendments to the claims section); (2) litems that are required for compliance (e.g., a claim listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)); and (3) the reasons why the section of the amendment fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 (e.g., the status identifiers are missing). The typical of amendment will determine whether applicant will be given a period of time in which to comply with the rule and whether applicant's reply to a notice should consist of the corrected section of the amendment (e.g., a complete claim listing in compliance of 37 CFR 1.10(in) instead of the entire corrected amendment. If the noncompliant amendment is... A non-final amendment including an amendment filed as a submission for an RCE, the TSS will send the notice which sets a time period of 30 days or one month, whichever is later, for reply. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to reply to this notice will result in abandonment of the application. Applicant's reply is required to include the corrected section of the amendment.*

The Amendment filed 16 December 2008 improperly neglects to include the complete corrected section [i.e., the entire "Amendments to the Specification" section] of the amendment (e.g., see at least Pages 2-3 of the Non-Compliant Amendment filed 6 August 2008).

The Applicant is respectfully encouraged to submit a corrected and complete "Amendments to the Specification" section, as required by C.F.R. § 1.121.

By such reasoning, this Notice of Non-Compliance is deemed necessary and proper at this time.

Please note: The examiner has attempted to be as thorough as possible in checking to determine the presence of all possible noncompliance errors. However, if additional issues of non-compliance are discovered at the time of a subsequent amendment, yet another Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment will be necessitated. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any other errors of which Applicant may become aware.

/Jeff Piziali/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2629 5 March 2009